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1. The rifle regiment at Lenti belongs to the Marcali garrison, but in Mar 1953 was moved to Lenti to strengthen the guard on the Yugoslav border. It is known to the troops as the 32nd Rifle Regiment, but this may not be the official designation. 25X1
2. [redacted] It is commanded by Major Biró [redacted].
[redacted] The political officer is Capt. Baranyai [redacted].
The operations officer is Capt. Mátyus [redacted] The quartermaster is Lt. Bossó [redacted] 25X1
3. Regimental troops are a staff company; a machine pistol reconnaissance company; an accompanying battery with four 76.2 mm guns; an AA machine gun company with six heavy machine guns; a technical company; a communications company with telephones and R/3 radios; an AT company with four 57 mm and two 47 mm guns; a heavy mortar company with six 120 mm mortars. 25X1
4. The regiment has three rifle battalions. Commander of the 1st Battalion is 1st Lt. Szemök [redacted] the adjutant is 1st Lt. Völgyesi; the political officer is Lt. Simon. The battalion has a machine gun company with 12 Maxim heavy machine guns; an AA machine gun company with four machine guns; a medium mortar company with nine 82 mm mortars; an AT platoon with two guns; a communication platoon; and three rifle companies each of three platoons plus a machine gun platoon. The 2nd Battalion is commanded by 1st Lt. Molnár, quite old, probably about 60, and is organized like the 1st. The 3rd Battalion is commanded by 1st Lt. Kiss, about 56 years old, and also has the same organization. A 4th Battalion has been spoken of, but its existence is uncertain. 25X1

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5. The regiment is 1,100 to 1,150 men strong. The men wear green shoulder boards. During the whole of 1953 the food was very bad. The pay of the common soldier is 62 forints a month of which he is required to pay two for his paper, 10 for cigarettes and 15 for the "peace loan".
6. The regiment is partly motorized, having 75 to 80 trucks, which serve all heavy weapons formation.
7. During its stay at Lenti there were attached to the regiment an armored car company with 10 to 12 armored cars and an armored company with twelve T-34/85 tanks.

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